

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACTION BY THE CITY OF DURHAM TO
ADDRESS VIOLENCE AMONG YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES**

WHEREAS, young men, generally, and African-American males, specifically, are dying at an alarming rate due to homicides, which is the number two cause of death for all males, and the number one cause of death for 15-24 year old African American males; and

WHEREAS, research documents that daily exposure to violence among men, generally, and African-American males, specifically, impacts traumatically and forever changes the lives of these youths and their families; and

WHEREAS, the loss of African-American males in the community as a result of homicide and high rates of incarceration further impacts the community by reducing the number of males who may serve as role models for young African-American males; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durham in our efforts to prevent violence and address the root causes thereof will continue to support the following programs: Year-Round City Programming: Office on Youth Teen Center, Durham Youth Commission, Durham Parks & Recreation Teen Programming, Southside Youth Leadership Program, Police Athletic League, Police Explorer Program, Water Conservation Educational Programming; Seasonal City Programming: Durham Parks & Recreation Summer Camps, Durham YouthWork Internship Program & Job Readiness Workshops, Junior Fire Marshal, Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) Summer Camps; City Participation: Gang Reduction Strategy/Project BUILD, BECOMING (Building Every Chance Of Making It Now And Grown UP), Junior Leadership Durham, the Justice Involved Program and the Mayor's Poverty Reduction Initiative; and

WHEREAS, only increased local attention to this matter can help reduce the violence that plagues many young males, generally, and African-American males, specifically.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Durham, will continue to call for a holistic intervention approach designed to address the violence among males, generally, and young African-American males, specifically; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Durham supports short-and long-term strategies to bring peace back to the African-American community in a way that promotes the longevity of the lives of African-American males.